

Titus

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Titus

I. The will of God for spiritual leaders - 1:1-16

A. The introduction - 1:1-4

1. the introduction to Paul and his message - 1:1-2

Paul was a bondservant of God

Paul viewed himself as a bondservant of Christ - Gal. 1:10

Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ

Paul was called to be the apostle to the Gentiles - Rom 11:11

Paul knew that he was part of God's elect

Paul had been chosen by God - Acts 9:15-16

Paul had a message that was truth

God wants all to come to the knowledge of the truth - I Tim. 2:3-4

Paul had a message that leads to godliness

godliness is profitable for all things - I Tim. 4:7-8

godliness and contentment produce great gain - I Tim. 6:6

Paul had a message that includes the hope of eternal life

this hope is the confident assurance of eternal life - Titus 2:13

God had a message from God who cannot lie

it is impossible for God to lie - Heb. 6:18

Paul had a message based on promises before time began

God chose us before He even created the world - Eph. 1:4

2. the commission of Paul by the Lord - 1:3

this message was revealed through the Word

the message of the death and resurrection of Christ - I Cor. 15:1-6

this message was given through preaching

the explaining of the Gospel to individuals - Acts 8:35

the explaining of the Gospel to groups - Acts 14:21

preaching must include the message of the cross - I Cor. 1:18-24

this message was committed to Paul

Paul was called to preach among the Gentiles - Gal. 1:15-16

the apostles recognized Paul's call to the Gentiles - Gal. 2:9

this message was given to him by the commandment of God

God told Ananias that Paul would preach - Acts 9:13-16

3. the greeting by Paul to Titus - 1:4

Paul said Titus was a true son of the faith

Paul also called Timothy his own son in the faith - I Tim. 1:2

Paul said grace, mercy and peace came from the Father

Paul shared this same thought with Timothy - I Tim. 1:2

Paul said grace mercy and peace came from Christ

Paul shared it twice with Timothy - II Tim. 1:2

B. The leadership God has appointed for each church - 1:5-9

1. the command to appoint elders - 1:5

Titus had been left in Crete to establish the churches

the churches in Crete needed to be strengthened - Acts 14:22

Titus had been left in Crete to set in order the things that were lacking

Paul had not appointed elders in Crete before leaving - Acts 14:23

Titus had been left in Crete to appoint elders in every city

there were men to be developed as elders in every church - Acts 14:23

Titus had been commanded to do this by Paul

Titus had earlier been sent to establish the Corinthians - II Cor. 7:6-7

2. the qualifications to develop in men to qualify them as elders - 1:6

a. the general qualification - 1:6a

an elder must be blameless

Christ works in the lives of people to make them blameless - I Cor. 1:8

this is a qualification for all spiritual leaders - I Tim. 3:10

b. the family qualifications - 1:6b

an elder is to be faithful to his wife

Titus was to help the women mature spiritually - Titus 2:3-5

an elder is to have faithful children

Titus was to help the young men mature spiritually - Titus 2:6

an elder is not to be accused of dissipation

the style of living associated with drunkenness - Eph. 5:18

an elder is not to be accused of insubordination

one unwilling to be in subjection - Heb. 2:8

c. the character qualifications - blameless - 1:7-8a

an elder is to be blameless

this qualification is stated twice - Titus 1:6
(blameless means to be unaccused of sin by others)

an elder is to recognize he is a steward of God

a steward is one who manages for someone else
elders are stewards of God's church - I Pet. 5:1-4; Acts 20:28

an elder is not to be self-willed

the description of a self-willed person - II Pet. 2:10

an elder is not to be quick-tempered

all Christians are to put away anger - Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8

an elder is not to be given to wine

sons of the King are to avoid strong drink - Prov. 31:4-7

an elder is not to be greedy for money

love of money is a root of all sorts of evil - I Tim. 6:10

an elder is to be hospitable

an elder is to be given to hospitality - I Tim. 3:2

an elder is to be a lover of what is good

an elder is to be prepared for every good work - II Tim. 2:21

d. the mental qualification - sober-minded - 1:8b

one who is serious minded, has the right priorities
and exercises self control - I Tim. 3:2; Titus 2:2

e. the spiritual and moral qualifications - 1:8c-9

an elder is to be just (righteous)

one whose conduct meets the approval of God - Heb. 11:4

an elder is to be holy

one who lives according to the Word of God - Eph. 4:24

an elder is to be self-controlled

one who has power over sinful desires - II Pet. 1:6

an elder is to hold fast the faithful word

one who firmly holds to the whole Word of God - II Tim. 3:16-17

an elder is to be able to teach with sound doctrine

one who is able to bring Christians to maturity - I Tim. 4:6

an elder is to be able to convict those who contradict

one who is able to answer false teachers - Eph. 5:11, 13

C. the false teachers that God does not approve - 1:10-16

1. the description of false teachers - 1:10

false teachers are insubordinate

one unwilling to be in subjection - Heb. 2:8

false teachers are idle talkers

one that speaks nothing that is profitable - II Tim. 4:3

false teachers are deceivers

they both deceive others and are deceived themselves - II Tim. 3:13

these lie in wait to deceive immature Christians - Eph. 4:14

false teachers often focus on their laws

they add their own laws to salvation - Acts 15:1

they are actually still under the curse - Gal. 3:12

2. the actions of false teachers - 1:11-12

false teachers must be stopped

God will stop those who are false teachers - II Tim. 3:9

false teachers try to deceive whole households

they seek to divide families for self gain - II Tim. 3:6

false teachers teach things that they ought not

false teachers know nothing but like to argue - I Tim. 6:4

false teachers teach for the sake of dishonest gain

false teachers think that gain is godliness - I Tim. 6:5

false teachers love power - Phil. 3:4-7

false teachers love the wages of unrighteousness - II Pet. 2:15

false teachers love money - I Tim. 6:10; Jude 11

false teachers may even describe themselves

Epimenides, a poet from Crete, said this nearly 600 years earlier

false teachers are liars

their teachings destroy like gangrene - II Tim. 2:17-18

they speak evil of things they don't understand - II Pet. 2:12

false teachers are evil beasts (brutal people)

true teachers hate evil and do good - I Pet. 3:9-11

the Lord is against those who do evil - I Pet. 3:12

the one that does evil has not seen God - III John 11

false teachers are lazy gluttons

the lazy glutton will come to poverty - Prov. 23:21

the glutton brings shame to his father - Prov. 28:7

3. the rebuke of false teachers - 1:13-16

a. Titus was to rebuke sharply to restore to sound doctrine - 1:13

the description of a false teacher is accurate
the false teachers were to be rebuked sharply
the false teachers were to be helped to become sound in faith

b. Titus was to warn against Jewish myths and commandments of men - 1:14

they were not to pay attention to Jewish fables
some Christians were listening to fables - I Tim. 1:4
they were not to pay attention to commandments of men
these were the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees - Matt. 15:1-9
they were to realize these things would turn them from the truth
people will turn from the truth and turn to fables in the last days - II Tim. 4:4

c. Titus was to warn teachers can have a polluted mind and conscience - 1:15

to the pure all things are pure
the pure will have love out of a pure heart - I Tim. 1:5
to the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure
the defiled have nothing good in their heart - Matt. 15:17-20
the mind of the unbelieving is defiled
the natural man lacks spiritual discernment - I Cor. 2:16
the conscience of the unbelieving is defiled
they have their conscience seared - I Tim. 4:2

d. Titus was to warn their claim to know God is denied by their conduct - 1:16

false teachers claim to know God
false teachers even claim to serve God - Matt. 7:15-23
false teachers deny that claim by their works
false teachers will be recognized by their fruits - Matt. 7:20
their works are abominable
they have a form of godliness that denies God - II Tim. 3:1-5
their works are disobedient
their works are the works of the disobedient - Titus 3:3
their works are disqualified
their works will be disqualified - I Cor. 9:27

II. The will of God for all Christians - 2:1-15

A. The will of God for older men - 2:1-2

1. the personal instructions to Titus - 2:1

Titus was given a personal responsibility

Titus was to set in order the things that were lacking - Titus 1:5

Titus was to speak the things that were proper

Paul described those who did not teach sound doctrine - I Tim. 6:3-5

Titus was to speak the things that are sound doctrine

true leaders lead by teaching by sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

young men were to be taught to give sound teaching - Titus 2:8

2. the will of God for the older men - 2:2

older men are to be sober

this is a qualification for elders - I Tim 3:2

older men are to be reverent

this develops as we think on the things that are noble (honorable) - Phil. 4:8

this is a qualification for deacons - I Tim. 3:8

this is also a qualification for their wives - I Tim. 3:11

older men are to be temperate

this speaks of one that is self-controlled and pure

this is a qualification for elders - I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8

younger women are to be taught to be discreet (pure) - Titus 2:5

older men are to be sound in faith

elders are to teach sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

Titus was to help people become sound in the faith - Titus 1:13

Timothy was told to hold firm to sound words - II Tim. 1:13

we are warned that people will turn away from sound doctrine - II Tim. 4:3

older men are to be sound in love

this happens as we take root in Christ - Col. 2:6-7

this happens as we take root in the love of Christ - Eph. 3:17-19

this shows itself by loving others as Christ loved us - John 13:34-35

older men are to be patient

true patience is based on future hope - I Thess. 1:3

we are to be patient as we wait for the coming of Christ - II Thes. 3:5

Paul gave an example of serving God with much patience - II Cor. 6:4

patience is developed through the testing of our faith - James 1:3-4

B. The will of God for older women - 2:3-4a

older women are to be reverent in behavior - 3a

women are to practice godly behavior - I Tim. 2:15

older women are not to be slanderers - 3b

the word "slanderers" is translated devil 34 times - II Tim. 2:26

older women are not to be given to much wine - 3c

drunkenness is the opposite of being filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18

older women are to be teachers of good things- 3d

all who have believed are to practice good works - Titus 3:8

all will be fruitful as they model good works - Titus 3:14

older women are to train the younger women - 4a

women are to make disciples of younger women - Matt. 28:19-20

Tabitha was called a female disciple - Acts 9:36

Tabitha had a great ministry to younger widows - Acts 9:39

C. The will of God for younger women - 2:4b-5

younger women are to be trained to love their husbands - 4b

husbands and wives model the relationship of Christ and the church - Eph 5:21-33

younger women are to be trained to love their children - 4c

a mother should be one who cherishes her children - I Thess. 2:7

women can have a great impact on their children - II Tim. 1:5

younger women are to be trained to be discreet - 5a

translated temperate when used of older men - Titus 2:2

(speaks of one that is self-controlled and pure)

they are to be trained to be chaste (pure) - 5b

women can win their husbands by their chaste behavior - I Pet. 3:1-2

women are to focus on developing the inner person - I Pet. 3:3-4

they are to be trained to be homemakers - 5c

women are to rule the house - I Tim. 5:18

they are to be trained to be good - 5d

Christ said Mary had chosen the good - Luke 10:42

women are to be known for their good works - I Tim. 5:10

they are to be trained to be in subjection to their own husbands - 5e

wives are to choose to submit to their husbands - Eph. 5:21-24

they are to live so the Word of God will not be blasphemed - 5f

we are to do all that we do to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:31

we are to show forth the praises of Him that called us - I Pet. 2:9

we are to do good works so that others will glorify God - Matt. 5:16

D. The will of God for younger men - 2:6-8

1. Titus was to teach the young men are to be sober-minded - 2:6

we are not to think highly of ourselves but to think soberly - Rom. 12:3
we are to be soberminded as we wait for the coming of the Lord - I Pet. 4:7

2. Titus was to show young men by his example of good works - 2:7a

Timothy was also to be an example of the believers - I Tim. 4:12

3. Titus was to teach the Word of God the right way - 2:7b

he was to show integrity in doctrine

Titus was to train young men for future leadership - Titus 1:9

he was to show reverence in doctrine

prayer for leaders helps us to lead a reverent life - I Tim. 2:2

he was to show incorruptibility in doctrine

eternal life is promised to those who seek immortality - Rom. 2:7

4. Titus was to teach with sound speech that cannot be condemned - 2:8

his speech was to be sound so it cannot be condemned

he was to teach wholesome words even the words of Christ - I Tim. 6:3

his conduct would cause an opponent to become ashamed

he conduct and example were to draw others to Christ - I Pet. 2:11-12

his conduct would leave an opponent with nothing evil to say

well doing will silence lying lips - Psalm 31:18

well doing will put to silence the ignorance of foolish men - I Pet. 2:15

E. The will of God for servants (employees) - 2:9-10

1. servants are to be obedient to their masters - 2:9

servants are to be obedient to their masters

servants are to submit whether the masters are good or bad - I Pet. 2:18

servants are to be well pleasing in all things

these would be things well pleasing in the sight of God - Heb. 13:21

servants are not to answer back

to speak against what someone else is saying - Acts 13:45

2. servants are to serve with godly character - 2:10

servants are not to steal

servants are not to keep back something for self - Acts 5:2-3

servants are to show all good fidelity

servants are to show their faith in all that they do - I Tim. 4:6
Timothy was told to show this by his own example - I Tim. 4:12

Timothy was told to be an example of faith - I Tim. 6:11

servants are to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior

servants are to serve their master as they would serve the Lord - Col. 4:1

servants are to do this in all things

servants can lead their masters by their example - I Tim. 6:1

F. The will of God is made possible through Christ - 2:11-15

1. God has shown His grace to all people in the past - 2:11

the grace of God brings salvation

Christ tasted death for all men by the grace of God - Heb. 2:9

Christ provides this grace as a free gift - Eph. 2:8-9

the grace of God has appeared to all men

Christ became flesh and dwelt among us - John 1:14

Christ is God's gift of grace to us - Rom. 5:15

this gift of grace must be received - John 1:12

2. God has called us to holy living in the present - 2:12

the grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness

we are to avoid the talk that leads to ungodliness - II Tim. 2:16

the grace of God teaches us to deny worldly lusts

we have been made a new creation - II Cor. 5:17

we are no longer to love the world and its lusts - I John 2:15-17

the grace of God causes us to live soberly

God helps us to learn to think soberly - Rom. 12:3

this make it possible to live and serve soberly - Rom. 12:4-8

the grace of God causes us to live righteously

the grace of God makes it possible to live righteously - Gal. 2:21

the grace of God teaches us to live godly

the grace of God makes it possible for us to live godly - II Cor. 1:12

the grace of God makes it possible for us to serve God - I Cor. 15:10

3. God has given us a great hope for the future - 2:13

we are looking for the blessed hope

the promised return of Christ is our blessed hope - I Thess. 4:13-18

this is the hope that causes us to purify ourselves - I John 3:2-3

we are looking for the glorious appearing of our great God

we are looking for the moment when God will change us - I Cor. 15:51-58

we are looking for the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ

we are looking for the moment when Christ will meet us - I Thess. 4:16-17

4. God sent Christ to redeem us from all iniquity - 2:14

Christ gave Himself for us

Christ bore our sins in His body on the cross - I Pet. 2:24

Christ came to give His life a ransom for many - Mark 10:45

Christ did this to redeem us from every lawless deed

Christ redeemed us with His precious blood - I Pet. 1:18-19

Christ did this to purify for Himself His own special people

Christ chose Christians to be a people of His own - I Pet. 2:9

Christ did this so we would be zealous of good works

the result of salvation is that we are created for good works - Eph. 2:10

those who have believed are to be rich in good works - I Tim. 6:18

those who have believed are to practice good works - Titus 3:8

5. God wants these things to be taught - 2:15

Titus was told to speak these things

authority only comes from speaking from the Word of God - Matt. 7:28-29

Titus was to speak the things that produce sound doctrine - Titus 2:1

Titus was told to exhort with all authority

Paul had encouraged Christians to continue in the faith - Acts 14:22

Titus was to develop elders that encouraged with sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

Titus was told to rebuke with all authority

rebuking includes identifying the unfruitful works of darkness - Eph. 5:11

rebuking is to be done to believers that are sinning - I Tim. 5:20

Titus was to develop leaders that rebuked with sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

rebuking is done to help people become sound in the faith - Titus 1:13

Titus was told to let no one despise him

Timothy was given similar instructions - I Tim. 4:12

Paul knew that there are divisive people - Titus 3:9-11

III. The will of God for how Christians should live in the world - 3:1-15

A. We are given certain responsibilities in the world - 3:1-2

1. Christians are to be in subjection to all that are in authority - 3:1

Christians are to be subject to rulers

Christians are to be subject to the higher powers - Rom. 13:1

Peter emphasized this same thing - I Pet. 2:13-14

Christians are to be subject to authorities

Christians are to be subject for the sake of conscience - Rom. 13:5

Christians are also to pray for those in authority - I Tim. 2:1-2

Christians are to obey those in authority

the only exception is when it would disobey God - Acts 5:29

Christians are to be ready for every good work

we are to be prepared for every good work - II Tim. 2:21

2. Christians are to act with humble attitudes - 3:2

Christians are to speak evil of no one

we are not to speak evil of one another - James 4:9

Christians are to avoid fighting

the servant of God is not to quarrel - II Tim. 2:24

Christians are to be gentle

our gentleness is to be recognized by all people - Phil. 4:5

Christians are to show humility to all

we are to instruct those who oppose in gentleness - II Tim. 2:25

B. We have been saved from our former actions - 3:3

we were once foolish

a foolish person is deceived by hurtful lusts - I Tim. 6:9

we were once disobedient

those who are disobedient do not know God - Titus 1:16

we were once deceived

evil men are deceived and deceive others - II Tim. 3:13

we were once serving various lusts

we were carried away by various lusts - II Tim. 3:6

we were once serving various pleasures

conflicts arose from these various desires - James 4:1-3

B. We have been saved from our former actions (continued) - 3:3

we once lived in malice

we are to put away this desire to injure - James 1:19-21

we are not to use our liberty to injure others - I Pet. 2:16

we once lived in envy

this was part of the sin we practiced before we trusted Christ - Rom. 1:29

we were at one time hateful

a hateful person is murdering in his heart - I John 3:15

we were at one time hating one another

hate is one of the works of darkness - I John 2:9-11

one who hates his brother does not have the love of God in him - I John 4:20

C. We do not deserve our present blessing - 3:4-7

1. God showed us His kindness and love - 3:4

God showed His kindness to mankind

God showed this kindness through Christ - Eph. 2:7

God showed His love to mankind

God loved us while we were dead in sins - Eph. 2:4-5

God showed His love to us while we were still sinners - Rom. 5:8

God loved us and sent His Son to us - John 3:16-17

God showed this when our Savior appeared

Christ became flesh and lived among us - John 1:14

2. God saved us by His mercy - 3:5

we were not saved by works of righteousness that we did

we are not saved by works - Eph. 2:8-9

we were saved by His mercy

the Gentiles can glorify God because of His mercy - Rom. 15:9

God is rich in mercy and in love - Eph. 2:4

God is full of mercy - James 3:17

we were saved through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit

Christ described this regeneration to Nicodemus - John 3:3-7

we are born of God - I John 2:29; 3:9

we were saved through the renewing of the Holy Spirit

it is the Spirit that gives us life - Rom. 8:2

the Spirit renews us in the image of Christ - Col. 3:10

3. God showed this mercy through Christ - 3:6

God poured out the Holy Spirit on us abundantly

God gave us the Holy Spirit as a gift - Acts 2:39

God gave us the Holy Spirit as the downpayment on eternal life - Eph. 1:14

God gave us the Holy Spirit to fill our lives - Eph. 5:18

God did this through Jesus Christ our Savior

Christ baptized us with the Holy Spirit - Matt. 3:11

4. God justified us by His grace - 3:7

we have been justified by His grace

we are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Spirit - I Cor. 6:11

it was grace that brought this salvation - Titus 2:11

we have become heirs of God

we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:17

we have been given the hope of eternal life

we are looking forward to this blessed hope - Titus 2:13

God has given us everlasting consolation and hope -II Thess. 2:16

D. We are to live godly in our actions toward the world - 3:8-11

1. Christians are to be careful to maintain good works - 3:8

Paul said he was giving a faithful saying

Paul also gave faithful sayings to Timothy - I Tim. 1:15; 3:1; 4:9

Paul said we are to teach this continually

Paul showed Christians how to serve the Lord - Acts 20:20

we are to teach those who believed in God to maintain good works

Christ created us for good works - Eph. 2:10

Christians are to be rich in good works - I Tim. 6:18

Christians are to be equipped to do good works - II Tim. 3:16-17

Titus was to show people how to do good works by his example - Titus 2:7

Christ redeemed us from sin so we could be zealous for good works - Titus 2:14

Christians are to stimulate one another to love and good works - Heb. 10:24-25

these things are good to men

good works cause us to be fruitful - Titus 3:14

these things are profitable to men

good works bring glory to God - Matt. 5:16

good works draw people to Christ - I Pet. 2:12

2. Christians are to avoid foolish talking - 3:9

we are to avoid foolish disputes

this is the discussion of vain talkers - Titus 1:10
these substitute man's ideas for God's truth - Titus 1:14

we are to avoid genealogies

we are not to pay attention to genealogies - I Tim. 1:4

we are to avoid contentions

the Corinthians were experiencing contentions - I Cor. 1:10
immature Christians experience strife (contentions) - I Cor. 3:3
false teachers like to stir up strife - I Tim. 6:3-4

we are to avoid strivings about the law

we are no longer under the law - Gal. 3:24-25

we are to realize these things are unprofitable

the law is weak and unprofitable - Heb. 7:18

we are to realize these things are useless

we are redeemed from our aimless conduct - I Pet. 1:18

3. Christians are to reject a divisive person after two warnings - 3:10

we are to give a divisive person a first admonition

we are to first rebuke and give opportunity to repent - Luke 17:3

we are to give a divisive person a second admonition

God gives us the pattern when discipline is necessary - Matt. 18:15-17

we are then to reject a divisive person

we are to then avoid such people - Rom. 16:17

we realize they try to deceive the innocent - Rom. 16:18

we realize they they try to deceive the immature - Eph. 4:14

4. Christians are to recognize a divisive person is self-condemned - 3:11

we are to realize that such a person is warped

such a person has not turned from their sin - Matt. 18:3
such a person brings in heresies and develops sects - I Cor. 11:19
this is part of the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21

we are to realize that such a person is sinning

such teachers are subverting the hearers - II Tim. 2:14
profane and idle babblings increase ungodliness - II Tim. 2:16

we are to realize that such a person is self-condemned

the person who judges others condemns himself - Rom. 2:1

E. The conclusion - 3:12-15

1. Paul asked Titus to come to him at Nicopolis - 3:12

Paul was going to send either Artemas or Tychicus to Crete

Paul often sent various team members to other places - I Thess. 3:1-2

Paul wanted Titus to come to him at that time

Titus was one Paul looked to for encouragement - II Cor. 2:13

the Lord had comforted Paul through Titus - II Cor. 7:6

Paul viewed Titus as a partner and fellow worker - II Cor. 8:23

Paul had decided to spend the winter where he was

Paul was planning to stay at Nicopolis - Titus 3:12

2. Paul gave Titus instructions about other leaders - 3:13

Titus was to make sure that Zenas the lawyer lacked nothing

Titus often carried out responsibilities for Paul - II Cor. 7:13-14

Titus was to make sure that Apollos lacked nothing

earlier Paul had wanted to send Apollos to Corinth - I Cor. 16:12

Titus was to send these men on their way quickly

Paul apparently had sent them to other places

3. Paul told Titus to encourage Christians to be fruitful - 3:14

Christians are to learn to do good works

Paul continually taught Christians are to do good works - Titus 3:8

Christians are to learn to meet urgent needs

Christians are to see opportunities to meet needs - Eph. 4:28

Christians are not to be unfruitful

Christians bring glory to God by bearing much fruit - John 15:8

4. Paul sent greetings from all that were with him - 3:15

Paul said those with him sent greetings

Paul often sent greetings from his team - Rom. 16:21-23

Paul told Titus to greet the others for him

Paul often sent greetings to others - Rom. 16:3-16

Paul told Titus to experience the grace of God

we are what we are by the grace of God - I Cor. 15:10

Paul wanted Christians to experience the grace of God - II Cor. 6:1